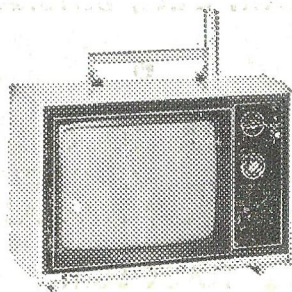

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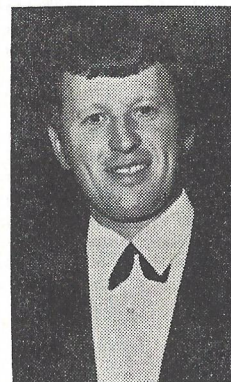
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



After four years association with the Bendigo Soccer League Board of Management I am now pleased to announce that we have realised everything we have set out to accomplish during my term of office as your President. In 1978 we will see the emergence of the new Bendigo City Soccer Club in Metropolitan competition. If this move is supported by the players and clubs in Bendigo I'm certain that we shall see our sport become a major attraction for spectators in Bendigo.

This year will see further moves in administration which should bring about a more professional relationship between clubs and League. A move which I feel is overdue. For too long our League Secretaries of the past have been laboured by poor club administration in several clubs. New penalties introduced this year should bring about a rapid improvement in this area.

Geoff Legg has handed over the League Secretary's responsibilities to Dr. Carl Thayer, continuing our association between the League and the B.C.A.E.

Geoff is completing further studies but will retain an interest in soccer by fulfilling the duties of Treasurer to the Bendigo City Club. Carl is already proving a great asset with his drive and enthusiasm. To Geoff and Lyn Milburn (Minute Secretary) my sincere thanks for your contributions to the Bendigo League during my term of office.

The new Board contains several new members and that is particularly pleasing to see, especially as they are on the young side and very much involved in the administration of their respective clubs. They will find that League decisions require a much more open mind in their deliberations, however I know our future is in safe hands. We welcome back as Treasurer David Weatherall, a tremendous person whose contributions to Board Meetings have always had such a sensible stabilising effect. His management of our financial affairs, and his contribution as a Referee, and Referee's Co-ordinator has been outstanding.

Another name which has become increasingly popular in Soccer circles is Adrian Hamilton. His field has been in increasing the all-round publicity Bendigo Soccer has received from the media. But Adrian has also been a tremendous willing worker in many other areas and I'm pleased to report Adrian will continue

in this work in 1978, although further studies have forced him to leave his seat on the Board.

I have already announced that this will be my last year as your President and after serving for three years I feel the time has now come to move over and allow other people to show what they can do for Bendigo Soccer. I will take with me many memories of working with people dedicated to the promotion of Soccer in Bendigo. The success of our Annual Raffle, the promotion of Inter-League matches and the introduction of the Reserve League and 5-A-Side Competition and now the emergence of Bendigo City have brought me a great deal of inner personal satisfaction. But I owe a great deal of thanks to all those people who have worked with me and been so willing to give up their time and energy for the development of our sport in Bendigo.

This year book is published because our sponsors and advertisers help to meet the publication costs, and we are indebted to them for their support over several years — in return please make sure when you shop in Bendigo that you give them your support wherever possible.

We thank Ben Walker for contributing two tremendous trophies to our Inter-League programme this year. They were won at Senior level by the ever-popular Deniliquin player, Steve Dunne. The junior section going to Theo Bogiartis, a most promising and skilful youngster from the Strathdale Soccer Club. The Frank Prior boots for the Best Young Player in the League went to Mike Hogan. The League Player of the Year award went to a character who has so often failed in previous years by the narrowest of margins. To Tony Longano my sincere congratulations — no player has deserved it more. A fitting reward for years of tremendous service to a great sport.

STAN HODSON; President B.S.L.

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A HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1950, Mr. Walter Clayton advertised in the Bendigo Advertiser for people interested in establishing a soccer team in Bendigo. The response was sufficient to establish the game for the next sixteen years and provide the basis for the present Bendigo Soccer League.

Bendigo United, as the club was called, travelled throughout Victoria in search of matches. They played in Melbourne, Moe, Geelong, Ballarat, Shepparton, Merbein, Kerang and many other top Victorian towns and cities.

Bendigo United was not a particularly successful side but did manage to win the Central League Championship on one occasion, and the Knock-Out Cup on another.

Some of the Bendigo United players went on to play with State League teams such as Wilhelmina, Hakoah, Polonia and Moreland.

Soccer in its present form, hit the headlines on November 8th, 1970, when the present Bendigo Soccer League was formed at what has turned out to be an historical and momentous occasion for sport in the area.

Soccer had come back the previous year under the guidance of Ted Ellinghaus who advertised in the local newspaper for soccer players late in 1969. Ted succeeded in sparking off the old enthusiasm and collected a group of about sixteen players who organised games, coaching and visiting teams from Melbourne. At this stage the games were all played on the old Long Gully Ground.

In the close season plans were made to join several other, already organised, leagues. However, two men, David Wilkinson and Michael John decided otherwise, and with a determination akin to madness — remember Bendigo boasted the strongest Country Australian Rules League in Australia, these two men laid the foundations of the Bendigo Soccer League.

The old Soccer Club was disbanded unceremoniously on November 8, 1970, and the new league was on its way. The four teams were given four players each, the Captain and the Vice-Captain were told of their appointments and told to recruit — "We kick-off in April."

April came with over 60 players registered, trophies and awards to cover everything, ground and equipment, sponsorships and tremendous hope.

On April 4th, 1971, soccer was here to stay — four complete teams lined-up for the Official Opening — fully kilted out, a brand new ground, every local dignitary, T.V. cameras, radio, press and all of the trappings including mascots. The names Ted Ellinghaus, Joe Reilly and Tony Longano have been prominent in Bendigo Soccer since its inception. Ted was top goal scorer in 1971; Tony won the most consistent award; and Joe Reilly captained League Champions, Golden City. John Van Emmerik was the Best Young Player in that year.

1972 saw an expansion of the League with Maryborough and Sandhurst joining. Sandhurst later became Golden City Colts and are now a club in their own right and are known as Colts. Joe Reilly topped the goal scoring, Jimmy Shepherd (Maryborough) was best and fairest and South Bendigo were League Champions.

Seymour and Puckapunyal joined the League in 1973, and Sandhurst became Golden City Colts. City again won the Championship, Joe Reilly was again the leading goal scorer and Robert Ross won the Young Player of the Year Award.

Golden City were League Champions again in 1974 and their brilliant goal scorer, Joe Judge, bagged 49 goals, the highest ever in Bendigo Soccer. Joe also won the Player of the Year Award with Owen Davies taking out the Young Player of the Year trophy. Eaglehawk, Castlemaine and Echuca made up the new teams in the League which now boasted 11 clubs.

Golden City's stranglehold on League trophies was broken in 1975 when Strathdale were League Champions and Knock-Out Cup winners, and B.I.T. were League Cup winners. Ziggy Nowak was Player of the Year; Chris Ricketts started his three year dominance in the goal scoring department; and Michael Hogan won his second Young Player of the Year Award. 1975 saw the introduction of a Reserves competition which was won by the B.I.T. Chris Ricketts was again top goal-scorer in 1976, whilst his College club-mate, Paul Haye, was Young Player of the Year. Neil Copeland (Echuca) won the Player of the Year Award from the veteran, Tony Longano (Strathdale). Golden City were League Champions and League Cup winners, but College prevented them from winning the treble when they won the Knock-Out Cup. Eaglehawk dominated the Reserves Competition and won the Championship and League Cup.

1977 proved to be the biggest year ever in the Bendigo Soccer League with the addition of Deniliquin to the competition. There were now 12 Senior teams and 10 Reserve teams — including a Rugby-Soccer Club. Golden City's dominance of the competition came to a rapid halt. They managed to win the League Cup early in the season, but College stormed home with brilliant victories in the Championship and the Knock-Out Cup. Chris Ricketts brought his Championship goal scoring tally to 117 goals in 3 years when he scored 45 goals for the season. Veteran Tony Longano deservedly won the Player of the Year Award. Michael Hogan won his third Young Player of the Year Award. Golden City won the Reserves Championship and Colts A defeated Rugby to win the Knock-Out Cup.

The 1978 season, which is about to get under way, sees the League with 11 Senior teams and 12 Reserves teams. Seymour have left for greener pastures, whilst Ted Ellinghaus has raised the Bendigo Old Boys' Club (over 30's) to enter the Reserves competition. The dream of a Bendigo City team playing in Melbourne has been finally realised as Bendigo has been accepted into Provisional League (2). This augurs well for the future of the young players in the League and gives them something to aim for. Finally, the B.S.L. has been invited to represent Victoria in the Australian Amateur Soccer Championships in Adelaide at Easter. This is the biggest boost the B.S.L. has ever had.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
B.C.A.E.	22	19	1	2	109	22	39
Golden City	22	18	2	2	82	12	38
Strathdale	22	14	2	6	68	30	30
Eaglehawk	22	11	4	7	55	44	26
Colts United	22	12	1	9	57	44	25
Seymour	22	10	4	8	63	44	24
Castlemaine	22	10	1	11	37	50	21
Deniliquin	22	8	3	11	50	65	19
Kyneton United	22	6	4	12	38	55	16
Puckapunyal	22	3	4	15	38	79	10
South Epsom*	22	3	3	16	38	104	9
Echuca	22	3	1	18	28	112	7

* Formerly South Bendigo

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1976

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	20	18	2	0	79	14	38
B.I.T.	20	17	1	2	81	19	35
Eaglehawk	20	13	3	4	58	29	27
Puckapunyal	20	10	3	7	50	39	23
Strathdale	20	9	1	10	31	43	19
Kyneton United	20	8	2	10	32	35	18
Seymour	20	9	0	11	41	55	18
Castlemaine	20	7	1	12	26	41	15
South Bendigo	20	4	4	12	29	57	12
Colts	20	4	2	14	26	63	10
Echuca City	20	0	3	17	16	73	3

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1975

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Strathdale	20	18	2	0	78	17	38
Golden City	20	15	4	1	77	11	34
B.I.T.	20	16	1	3	81	15	33
Seymour	20	13	2	5	63	24	28
Puckapunyal	20	10	3	7	46	38	23
Eaglehawk	20	8	3	9	43	58	19
Colts	20	8	1	11	31	49	17
South Bendigo	20	5	1	14	33	56	12
Castlemaine	20	3	2	15	22	51	9
Kyneton United	20	1	2	17	20	89	4
Echuca City	20	1	2	17	13	99	4

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1977

	B	CM	C	D	E	EC	GC	KU	P	S	SE	Sd
BCAE	—	3.0	6.0	10.0	1.1	9.0	4.2	1.0	7.1	6.1	10.0	5.2
Castlemaine ...	1.0	—	1.2	3.1	0.3	7.2	0.2*	2.1	5.3	3.1	2.1	1.0
Colts	1.4	5.2	—	1.3	0.1	7.2	0.3	4.1	7.1†	3.3	4.1	1.0
Deniliquin ...	3.4	5.1	3.0	—	3.7	4.2	0.6	4.0	2.2	6.2	2.0	3.4
Eaglehawk ...	0.4	5.0	1.2	2.2	—	2.0*	1.5	2.1	5.2	1.3	4.2	0.2
Echuca	1.6	0.2	0.6	2.3	1.4	—	0.7	5.1	2.0*	0.7	5.2	2.2
Golden City ...	4.1	1.0	2.0	6.0	1.1	13.2	—	3.0	2.0*	3.0	8.0	0.1
Kyneton	1.4	3.0	1.5	2.1	2.2	6.0	0.4	—	2.0*	0.6	7.4	1.1
Puckapunyal ...	0.6	0.3	1.4	3.0	0.3	10.0	0.5	1.1	—	1.3	4.1	1.8
Seymour	0.3	6.2	3.1	2.1	5.1	2.0*	1.1	0.0	3.3	—	1.2	1.3
South Epsom†	3.10	2.2	0.3	3.3	2.7	4.1	1.3	5.2	4.4	0.11	—	1.9
Strathdale ...	0.4	4.0	5.1	3.1	5.1	6.1	0.1†	1.2	6.1	4.2	2.0	—

Code: B — BCAE; CM — Castlemaine; C — Colts; D — Deniliquin; E — Eaglehawk; EC — Echuca; GC — Golden City; KU — Kyneton; P — Puckapunyal; S — Seymour; SE — South Epsom; Sd — Strathdale.

† Formerly South Bendigo.

* Forfeit.

† Walk-off. Score set by League.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1976

	B	CM	C	E	EC	GC	KU	P	S	SB	Sd
B.I.T.	—	6.1	4.1	0.3	6.1	1.1	2.0	3.1	8.2	8.0	6.0
Castlemaine	0.3	—	3.0	0.0	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.0	2.3
Colts	0.3	1.0	—	2.7	4.0	0.6	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.2
Eaglehawk	1.3	3.0	5.0	—	4.0	0.2	3.0	NG	4.6	5.2	6.2
Echuca City	2.9	0.1	2.5	0.1	—	0.7	0.3	2.3	1.2	2.2	0.4
Golden City	1.0	3.2	4.0	4.2	7.0	—	5.0	6.0	6.1	4.1	0.0
Kyneton United	1.3	1.0	2.1	0.2	2.2	0.3	—	2.1	3.1	5.0	0.1
Puckapunyal	1.4	3.2	8.0	2.2	3.1	1.3	3.2	—	2.3	2.0	2.0
Seymour	1.4	4.0	1.0	2.5	3.1	0.4	1.2	3.2	—	5.2	0.1
South Bendigo	3.4	2.0	3.3	2.2	1.1	2.4	1.0	1.4	1.3	—	3.1
Strathdale ...	0.3	1.2	3.2	2.3	—	1.4	1.3	1.3	3.1	4.1	—

Code: B — B.I.T.; CM — Castlemaine; E — Eaglehawk; EC — Echuca City; GC — Golden City; KU — Kyneton United; P — Puckapunyal; S — Seymour; SB — South Bendigo; Sd — Strathdale.

RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	18	16	0	2	143	13	32
Colts A	18	12	4	2	73	27	28
Eaglehawk	18	12	3	3	62	24	27
Seymour	18	12	2	4	51	22	26
Rugby	18	7	3	8	32	55	17
B.C.A.E.	18	6	3	9	34	44	15
Colts B	10*	5	1	4	21	35	11
Deniliquin	18	4	1	13	23	94	9
South Epsom**	18	4	0	14	26	70	8
Echuca	18	3	1	14	17	67	7
Kyneton†	8	0	0	8	2	33	0

* Entered Reserves Competition after Round 9

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	B	Ca	Cb	D	E	EC	GC	KU	R	S	SE
BCAE	—	1.4	3.1	0.2*	1.1	3.0	4.10	—	3.3	0.4	0.3
Colts A	1.1	—	7.0	3.2	2.2	7.1	2.1	—	5.1	2.3	5.1
Colts B†	2.0	—	—	5.1	—	—	0.11	—	3.3	1.6	6.4
Deniliquin	0.7	0.6	0.1	—	0.9	2.1	0.16	—	2.3	1.3	1.4
Eaglehawk	7.0	2.2	—	8.0	—	4.0	2.6	5.1	3.1	1.5	3.2
Echuca	1.2	0.6	0.2*	2.2	0.2*	—	0.16	—	0.2*	0.2*	0.2*
Golden City	1.0	5.0	—	16.0	1.3	9.0	—	9.0	8.0	1.0	8.0
Kyneton†	—	1.9	—	—	0.2*	0.2*	—	—	—	—	—
Rugby	2.0	2.4	—	2.5	0.3	0.5	1.10	2.0*	—	1.0	4.1
Seymour	1.3	4.4	—	7.0	2.1	5.2	1.3	2.0*	1.1	—	3.1
South Epsom 	1.6	0.4	—	1.5	1.4	1.3	0.12	2.0*	2.4	0.2*	—

Code: B — BCAE; Ca — Colts A; Cb — Colts B; D — Deniliquin; E — Eaglehawk; EC — Echuca; GC — Golden City; K U — Kyneton; R — Rugby; S — Seymour; SE — South Epsom.

† Entered at Round 9. ‡ Withdrew after Round 8. || Formerly South Bendigo.

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KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1977

* Round 1 —

Swan Hill	0
Kyneton	4
Echuca	6 (A.E.T. and penalties)
Castlemaine	7
South Epsom	5 (A.E.T. and penalties)
Eaglehawk	6
BCAE	3
Seymour	1

Round 2 —

Kyneton	3	BCAE	4 (Extra time)
Strathdale	2	Kyneton	1
Golden City	3	Colts United	3
Castlemaine	0	Golden City	0
Deniliquin	2		
BCAE	6		
Colts United	3		
Eaglehawk	1		

* Colts United, Deniliquin, Golden City and Strathdale all had a bye

FINALS —
BCAE 1
Colts United 0

RESERVES KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1977

Round 1 —

BCAE	9	Deniliquin	0
Colts B	3	Seymour	4

Bye: Colts A, Eaglehawk, Golden City, Rugby, South Epsom, Echuca

Round 2 —

BCAE	0	Colts A	1
Golden City	6	Seymour	0
Eaglehawk	2	Echuca	0 (Forfeit)
Rugby	1	South Epsom	0

Round 3 —

Eaglehawk	2	Rugby	3
Colts A	2	Golden City	1

FINALS —

Colts A	2	Rugby	1
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LEAGUE CUP — 1977

Round 1 — Section

A	Golden City	3	Strathdale	0
B	BCAE	5	Kyneton	1
C	Eaglehawk	2	Seymour	1
D	Pukapunyal	6	Castlemaine	1

Bye: South Epsom, Colts United,
Echuca, Deniliquin

Round 3 — Section

A	Golden City	8	South Epsom	0
B	BCAE	4	Colts United	0
C	Eaglehawk	8	Echuca	1
D	Puckapunyal	2	Deniliquin	5

Bye: Strathdale, Kyneton,
Seymour, Castlemaine

Round 2 — Section

A	South Epsom	0	Strathdale	7
B	Colts United	2	Kyneton	2
C	Echuca	3	Seymour	10
D	Deniliquin	2	Castlemaine	5

Bye: Golden City, BCAE,
Eaglehawk, Puckapunyal

Semi-Finals — Section

A v C	Golden City	4	Eaglehawk	3
B v D	BCAE	7	Puckapunyal	0

FINALS —

Golden City 5 BCAE 2 (Extra time)

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GEORGE GERRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1977 VOTE COUNT LIST

Votes

- 31—T. Longano (Strath).
- 25—M. Samuel (Kye), M. Hogan (Egehk).
- 23—S. Dunne (Den.).
- 19—C. Ibbeson (S/Epm).
- 17—A. Christou (S/Epm), C. Ricketts (BCAE).
- 16—D. King (Cts), M. Evans (Cas), B. Evans (Cas), Z. Nowak (BCAE).
- 15—P. Hall (G/C).
- 14—P. Kalaidous (Cts), M. Hurst (BCAE), T. O'Neil (Sey).
- 10—P. Mahieu (Strath), J. Van Emmerik (Strath), R. Rowe (Den), R. Kane (Sey),
A. Rowe (Puck), P. Wilson (G/C), P. Hill (Kye).
- 9—P. Coombs (S/Epm), M. Gould (G/C), N. Bowland (Egehk), P. Terry (Puck),
P. Shewen (E/Cy), B. Moore (Cts).
- 8—G. McKay (Den), R. Noulton (Cas).
- 7—P. Quinn (Puck), I. Vrankovic (Puck), A. Bond (Cas), O. Davies (Egehk),
G. Warren (Strath).
- 6—J. Brugman (BCAE), B. Grant (Den), A. Hirgee (Sey), F. Van Dyke (Sey),
L. Jones (Cts), S. Wood (G/C).
- 5—P. Haye (BCAE), A. Lebbink (BCAE), J. Pineri (Kye), R. Prentice (Den),
L. Miller (Sey), S. Rath (Sey), B. Brisbane (Cts), M. Muller (Cts), S. Ivanovic
(Strath), L. Carrington (E/Cty), J. Rychlewski (Puck), J. Verheijen (Puck),
J. Shepherd (Cas), M. Morgan (Egehk), P. Williams (E/Cty).
- 4—G. Boyle (S/Epm), D. Bolton (BCAE), T. Ellinghaus (G/C), A. Sumner (G/C),
C. Reilly (G/C), W. Ralph (Kye), G. Speechly (Sey), J. Thompson (Cts),
S. Butler (Cts), C. Bogiatzis (Strath), S. Spasovski (Strath), N. Phillips (Egehk),
B. Skvarc (Egehk), A. Schepers (Egehk), J. Watson (E/Cty).
- 3—D. Bolton (S/Epm), J. Pancoust (S/Epm), R. McNicol (BCAE), W. Kibble (Den),
A. Faras (Sey), E. Knight (Sey), C. Beck (Cts), D. Barthleson (E/Cty), T. Bogiartis
(Strath), R. Kelly (Strath), V. Snidjers (Strath), B. Scoles (Cas), G. Johnston
(Cas), R. Colla (Cas), M. Aitken (Egehk), R. Bell (Egehk), G. Tupper (Egehk),
R. Mackintosh (G/Cty).
- 2—T. Willemsen (S/Epm), K. Logan (S/Epm), R. Hicks (G/C), G. Boyle (S/Epm),
F. Mponda (BCAE), J. Allen (G/C), P. Herrick (G/C), M. Ryan (G/C), S. Sing
(Kye), C. Koutroupis (Kye), A. Turner (Kye), R. Mutch (Den), D. Savage (Den),
M. Lindner (E/Cty), M. Bekorowski (E/Cty), E. M. Donald (E/Cty), C. Barthleson
(E/Cty), D. Gale (Cas), B. Johnson (Cas), A. Gallagher (Puck), S. Ward (Strath),
M. Brewer (Sey), W. Wallis (Egehk), G. Trewella (Egehk).
- 1—H. Schepers (Egehk), J. Wetzels (Sey), J. Hebbard (Sey), P. Noulton (Cas),
P. Eddy (Cts), J. Berry (Cts), H. Bernhart (S/Epm), J. Robinson (S/Epm),
D. Cutler (BCAE), D. Keith (G/C), F. Ellinghaus (G/C), N. Cramer (G/C),
D. Plant (Kye), J. Coyle (Kye), D. Riddington (Kye), D. Crispe (Den), B. Hindley
(Den).

* No votes are recorded from forfeited or abandoned games.

BEN WALKER INTERLEAGUE AWARDS 1977 — SENIOR

Votes

- 10—Steve Dunne (Deniliquin).
- 7—Alec Rowe (Puckapunyal).
- 6—C. McCusky (Golden City), P. Kalaidous (Colts Utd), C. Ibbeson (S/Epsom),
- 5—M. Gould (Golden City).
- 4—M. Hogan (Eaglehawk), M. Hurst (BCAE).
- 3—Z. Nowak (BCAE), P. Wilson (Golden City).
- 2—W. Kibble (Deniliquin), M. Evans (Castlemaine), B. Skvarc (Eaglehawk), P. Haye (BCAE).
- 1—M. Aitken (Eaglehawk), J. Watson (Golden City), B. Evans (Castlemaine), A. Christou (South Epsom).

BEN WALKER INTERLEAGUE AWARDS 1977 — UNDER 18

Votes

- 15—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).
- 6—J. Green (Eaglehawk).
- 5—D. King (Colts).
- 4—S. Wood (Golden City), D. Bolton (South Epsom), S. Butler (Colts).
- 3—A. Christou (South Epsom), S. McKnight (Golden City), M. James (Colts).
- 1—N. Phillips (Eaglehawk).

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- 27—P. Hall (G.C.).
- 22—D. King (Colts).
- 21—S. Dunne (Den.).
- 18—G. Warren (Strath.).
- 17—P. Terry (Pucka.).
- 16—P. Haye (B.C.A.E.).
- 15—R. Prentice (Den.).
- 13—P. Kaladis (Colts), P. Mahieu (Strath.).
- 11—E. Knight (Sey.).
- 10—M. Hogan (E.), J. Robinson (S.E.), S. Rath (Sey.).
- 9—M. Aitken (E.), T. Bogiatzis (Strath.), A. Hirgee (Sey.).
- 8—R. Colla (C.), R. McIntosh, P. Wilson (G.C.), D. Ridington (K.), A. Gentzes (Sey.), S. Robovic (Strath.), A. Schepers (E.).
- 7—J. Brugman, S. Parsons (B.C.A.E.), N. Phillips (E.), C. McCuskey (G.C.).
- 6—A. Treloar, D. Cutler (B.C.A.E.), D. Gale, R. Evans (C.), S. Butler (Colts), G. Tupper (E.), P. Shewen, M. Lindner (Ech.), S. Wood (G.C.), A. Rowe (Pucka.), A. Christou, D. Bolton (S.E.).
- 5—R. Bell (E.), C. Kontroupis (K.), T. Longano (Strath.).
- 4—R. McNicol (B.C.A.E.), B. Harding, J. Noulton (C.), J. Berry, C. Beck (Colts), W. Kibble (Den.), G. Trewella (E.), N. Bagic (Ech.), J. Reilly (G.C.), J. Verheyin (Pucka.), K. Carrol, J. Wetzels (Sey.).
- 3—M. Ryan (G.C.), D. Coulson, C. Bruce, S. Singh (K.), F. Mponda (B.C.A.E.), A. Gallagher, D. Curran (Pucka.), M. Enever (S.E.), A. Laczko, S. Spasouski (Strath.), T. O'Neill, G. Speechley (Sey.), T. Willemson (S.E.).
- 2—A. Lebbink, S. Nowak, M. Hurst, B. Sheppard (B.C.A.E.), A. Bond, G. Johnston (C.), W. Brisbane (Colts), A. Rowe, T. Harper (Den.), M. Morgan (E.), M. Bekerofski, R. Imailowski (Ech.), E. Ellinghaus, J. Watson, A. Sumner, P. Labour, M. Farrar, R. Hicks (G.C.), M. Samuel, P. Hill (K.), W. Leck (Pucka.), H. Berens, L. Miller (Sey.), J. Pancoust, I. Logan (S.E.).
- 1—R. Champion, N. Pong (B.C.A.E.), B. Scholes, P. Noulton, M. Bond (C.), M. James, B. Moore, L. Jones, P. Eddy, S. Richardson (Colts), G. McKay (Den.), D. Anderson, N. Bowland, B. Santon, O. Davies (E.), C. Barthelson, P. Williams, T. Martinez, P. Chubb, A. Martinez (Ech.), C. Reilly, M. Gould, D. Keith, P. Herrick (G.C.), P. Burton, S. Saggus, S. Ameri, G. Atrill, P. Huon (K.), C. Jancek, J. Rychlewski, J. Urancovic, T. Holroyd, S. Williams, B. Turley (Pucka.), R. Kane, A. Ferraz, M. Brewer, G. Pellow (Sey.), L. Dankers, A. Patterson, P. Coombes, C. Ibbeson, C. Harper, G. Harper (S.E.), C. Bogiatzis, U. Snijders, T. Cannard, P. Carasi, C. Nuttall (Strath.).

INDEX TO ABBREVIATIONS

B.C.A.E. — BENDIGO COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION	
C — CASTLEMAINE	K — KYNETON
COLTS — COLTS UNITED	PUCKA — PUCKAPUNYAL
DEN. — DENILIQUIN	SEY. — SEYMOUR
E. — EAGLEHAWK	S.E. — SOUTH EPSOM
ECH. — ECHUCA	STRATH. — STRATHDALE
G.C. — GOLDEN CITY	

CLUB NOTES

1977 AS THE CLUBS SAW IT, AND THEIR PROSPECTS FOR 1978

(If your Club is not included in this section, don't blame us, blame them.
We reserved the right to edit contributions).

B.C.A.E. SOCCER TEAM

SUCCESS AT LAST

The 1977 season was the culmination of three years effort, and there was a certain justice in the club winning both major senior trophies. It was also a season of stress, suspensions and injuries, preventing development of a stable team. Critics, however, severely underestimated the character, confidence and motivation of the club that kept winning under increasing pressure. Great games, individual and team performances throughout the season maintained College as an attractive side to watch by a band of loyal supporters.

1978 will be a season for rebuilding. The loss of such players as Ricketts, Haye, Bolton, Champion, Hurst, Brugman and Mponda and the retirement (temporarily one feels) of Beever is traumatic. Recruitment and the development of younger players like the Treloar brothers, will determine College's fate. Heavy responsibility rests on the senior players left like Nowak, Moyer, Lebbink, Parsons, Cutler, Sheppard and Seviour to hold the club together. The prospect of playing on B.C.A.E. grounds in the near future might encourage some college students playing for other clubs in the competition to show true allegiance.

R. SEVIOUR (President).

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CASTLEMAINE SOCCER CLUB

FIRST TROPHY

Although only a small club numerically we are proud of the fact that Castlemaine has never finished bottom of the league, and each year has improved on points and goal average.

Highlights for 1977 were another successful soccer festival (see you in 1978), the 1-0 defeat of eventual league and cup winners, College, and the hard-earned 5-a-side championship side. Thanks to all those people who congratulated us on our victory. It's nice to know our moment of glory was not begrudged.

Thanks to last year's coach, Bond, for his hard work. Captain M. Evans and B. Evans (coach for this season) both represented the B.S.L. and polled well in the Player of the Year Award. Unfortunately R. Colla and the Johnstons will not be playing this year, but we are hopeful that we will acquire new local players to maintain the Castlemaine tradition.

J. SHEPHERD (President).

COLTS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

COMING OF AGE

Amongst the nine trophies won by our seven teams last year were two we consider to be "special" — The Most Improved Team and The Most Sporting Team — because they recognise our efforts to improve and our positive attitude to the game. Our juniors and reserves performed really well, rewarding the efforts and encouragement of senior players and vindicating their faith in local talent. No club in Bendigo has done as much for junior soccer as Colts United. A constant round of social functions involved players, parents and supporters in raising finance and strengthening club spirit. These functions were culminated in two outstanding Presentation Nights for juniors and seniors. Last year we enjoyed the sponsorship of Golden City Timber and Hardware. With their continued support, and ably led by our dedicated Committee, the young Colts should go from strength to strength.

D. E. PRIEST (Secretary).

DENILQUIN SOCCER CLUB

SUCCESSFUL START

Last year saw the emergence of Denilquin Soccer Club after five years in limbo. With support from local businesses, the Council and residents, money was raised to purchase goal posts, nets and a new strip. Our playing record was good, and all teams found us a hard side to beat at home. The long journey to Bendigo was partly responsible for a less satisfactory away record. Players picked for B.S.L. representative teams included Dunne (Winner of the Best Inter-League Player Award) and Kibble. This year we hope to consolidate. The formation of a ladies' team and construction of new dressing rooms and a club headquarters are indications that Denilquin will be a force in the B.S.L. in the coming seasons.

M. BENNETT (Secretary).

EAGLEHAWK

1977 was a season of mixed successes for the Eaglehawk Soccer Club — with good results against leading clubs — but poor games on other days.

During the season overall we still managed a creditable league position at the end of the season. Losing valuable players during the season didn't help the team performances.

We thank the Eaglehawk Council for moulding our new ground at Truscott Reserve. It's great at last to be playing our home fixtures in our own Borough.

The social side of the club was enjoyed by all club members — functions were well organised — and refreshments were excellently supplied.

1978 should bring an improvement — new signings and the regaining of John Hogan, plus the guidance of Geoff (Cokey) Major will lift our team spirit and we hope our match results. In closing we wish all other clubs good luck in the new season.

CLUB SPOKESMAN.

ECHUCA CITY SOCCER CLUB

YEAR OF STRUGGLE

After a reasonable season when the Echuca coach Copeland won the best and fairest award, 1977 was a year of struggle. Because of great work by several members and ladies, the club managed to increase its bank balance, and now looks forward to a much better start in 1978.

Old stalwarts Lindner, Martinez, Orso, Carrington and new players Shewen, Adam, Robinson, Gravanic and Bekirofski, together with our loyal public relations man Williams, managed to keep club hopes alive and flourishing.

The most encouraging aspect was the emergence of several young players as real prospects for the future. Echuca Soccer Juniors played very well in their friendly games, the highlight being holding the Latrobe Valley U-13 side to a small loss. We must be confident that 1978 will be more successful than 1977.

E. PECK (Secretary).

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GOLDEN CITY SOCCER CLUB

END OF AN ERA

Season 1977 brought an end to a golden era in our club. The seven year span, under the aegis of predominantly experienced players, saw; the acquisition of four League Championships; B.S.L. Leading Goal-scorer from 1971-74; two B.S.L. Best and Fairest Awards; President's and Knock-out Cups, three times each.

1977 saw the last of the experienced players from City, which necessitated the rapid infusion of younger players into the senior side. Players like S. Wood, Herrick, McKnight, Watson, Gould and Ryan, in association with McCuskey, Wilson, Sumner, Alan and Keith, enabled us to win the President's Cup and finish second in the League Championship. Furthermore the young Reserve team clinched the Reserves League Championship, so ending the season on a successful note.

The club will always remember, with pride, the part played by such players as Ellinghaus, Morgan, J. Reilly, C. Wood, C. Reilly, Judge, Palmer, A. Balic, Vedelsby, R. Balic, Farra and Keith.

Now the future of our club rests squarely on the shoulders of our young players. We are confident they will carry on the City tradition.

J. REILLY (President).

KYNETON SOCCER CLUB

OPTIMISM FOR 1978

After a year of re-organisation and consolidation, Kyneton United Soccer Club is looking to the 1978 season being their best year yet, not only for the seniors and reserves, but also as a complete and united club involving everything that makes a good sporting club worthy of its position in the Bendigo League.

Through the good co-operation of the Kyneton Shire Council we have been given Barkly Square Oval as Kyneton's home for soccer, together with a generous allocation of funds to upgrade the changing rooms. This oval also has top priority for ground improvement as and when further grants are available. The club is in a good financial position to contribute towards the upgrading of facilities and will shortly be installing lights for evening training.

The 1977 season saw the start of junior soccer in Kyneton and the development of a Kyneton and District Junior Soccer League is now receiving the Club's top priority.

The Club is fortunate enough to have a very active and dedicated social committee who have been responsible for many enjoyable functions and have a lot of good plans for the coming season.

V. EGLINGTON (Publicity Officer).

PUCKAPUNYAL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

TEAM SPIRIT THE AIM

Last year was disappointing from both a playing and an administrative point of view. Frequent transfer of Army personnel add to the normal problems of building up team spirit and stability. With a new committee of Kay, Terry and Rove, we look forward to 1978 with guarded optimism. However, players like Rychlewski, Quinn and Holroyd will have to be replaced if the remaining nucleus of experienced players is to be a force to be reckoned with in 1978.

The club learned last year that games are not won on past reputations. Team work and team spirit are needed if Pucka are to be re-established as a team to be feared. The club's main aim this year is to follow that axiom.

P. TERRY (Secretary).

SOUTH EPSOM SOCCER CLUB

LEAN TIMES OVER

After several poor seasons, South is expecting success in 1978 under the tutorage of coach Ibbeson. Experience gained by young players like Bolton, Christou, Patterson, Boyle and the Harper brothers will bear fruition this year. A blend of youth with the experience of established players and new signings will provide a team capable of proving worthy opponents to all other sides.

Training under floodlights, spacious changing rooms and other ground improvements at Epsom, coupled with a hard-working committee, means renewed club pride. South will be a force in 1978. We look forward to fair play, sportsmanship and excellent soccer from all teams and wish everyone the best of luck for the season.

P. COOMBS (Secretary).

STRATHDALE SOCCER CLUB

TONY LONGANO WINS

From the beginning of the 1977 season Strathdale found it difficult to settle down, both on and off the field because of small internal troubles.

After a controversial defeat at the hands of arch-rivals Golden City, Strathdale had a successful run, and after a third of the season were sitting in second place. With the forward line of Mahieu, Warren, Lazko and evergreen Robovic, the club had scored one more goal than the previous season's total.

Then more internal strife. On the eve of the College game a number of prominent players left the club and we suffered a heavy 5-2 loss, which effectively finished our challenge for the League Championship.

The highlight of the season came with a 1-0 victory over Golden City. Not only did it give Strathdale a much-needed morale boost, but it threw the race for the Championship wide open.

After all our difficulties, we were more than happy with a final placing of third in the League Table, and elated with the Player of the Year Award going to Tony Longano, a most loyal club man. Next year with two teams, we are confident of new success.

G. WARREN.

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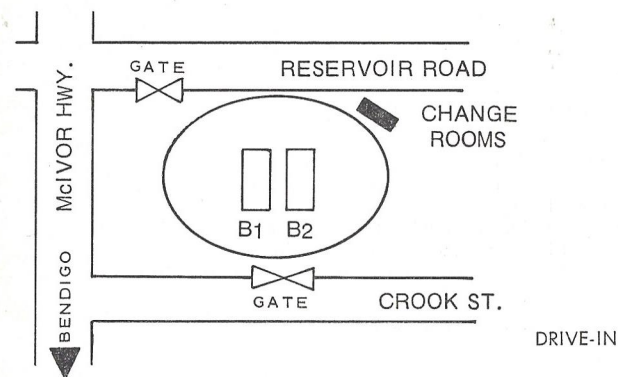
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P: NEWMAN OVAL, PUCKAPUNYAL (PUCKAPUNYAL)

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BEISCHER OVAL — STRATHDALE PARK

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ECHUCA TECHNICAL SCHOOL OVAL (E), Echuca —

When in High Street, Echuca, turn left at the water tower on the corner of Pakenham Street. Turn first right and the Technical School Oval is on your left.

EPSOM (SE), South Epsom —

Leave Bendigo and travel north on the Midland Highway to Epsom. After passing the Pottery turn right at the crossroads, and the ground is on your left.

MEMORIAL PARK (D), Deniliquin —

When coming from the Echuca direction follow the main highway until the start of the shopping centre. Turn right at Mac's Service Station which is on the right. Continue right until you enter Memorial Park.

NEWMAN OVAL (P), Puckapunyal —

Newman Oval is a the Army Camp in Puckapunyal. From Bendigo turn left by the BP Garage, then right at the intersection just beyond the MP Building. Continue across a bridge and the ground is on your right hand side.

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Shadford Park is situated at the corner of Prouses Road and Arnold Street, Bendigo. From Bendigo Post Office head north towards Echuca, turn left after approximately a half a mile into Arnold Street. Go past Bendigo Base Hospital for another quarter of a mile. The ground is on the left behind the Bowling Club.

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Castlemaine — bye		—	—	—
Castlemaine Reserves v Colts B		WHO	—	1
Eaglehawk v Echuca		TR	3	1
Deniliquin v College		D	3	—
Deniliquin Reserves v Rugby		D	—	1
Golden City v Colts United		B1	3	1
South Epsom v Puckapunyal		SE	1	—
South Epsom Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		SE	—	3
Strathdale v Kyneton		B2	1	3
ROUND 2 — 9th APRIL:				
South Epsom — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v South Epsom Reserves		B1	—	1
College v Eaglehawk		B1	3	—
Rugby v Eaglehawk Reserves		SP	—	1
Castlemaine v Strathdale		WHO	3	1
Colts United v Puckapunyal		B2	1	—
Colts A v Bendigo Old Boys		B2	—	3
Echuca v Golden City		E	3	1
Kyneton v Deniliquin		BS	1	3
ROUND 3 — 16th APRIL:				
Echuca — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Echuca Reserves		B1	—	1
College v Colts United		B1	3	—
Rugby v Colts A		SP	—	3
Eaglehawk v Castlemaine		TR	1	3
Puckapunyal v Kyneton		P	1	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Kyneton		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Deniliquin		SE	3	1
Strathdale v Golden City		B2	1	3
ROUND 4 — 23rd APRIL:				
Colts United — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Colts A		B2	—	3
Castlemaine v College		WHO	3	—
Castlemaine Reserves v Rugby		WHO	—	1
Deniliquin v Echuca		D	3	1
Golden City v South Epsom		B1	3	1
Kyneton v Eaglehawk		BS	1	3
Strathdale v Puckapunyal		B2	1	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Strathdale Reserves		SP	—	3

Home	Away	Place	Kick-Off Times	
			Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 5 — 30th APRIL:				
Eaglehawk — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Eaglehawk Reserves		B1	—	3
College v Puckapunyal		B1	1	—
Rugby v Bendigo Old Boys		SP	—	3
Castlemaine v Golden City		WHO	3	1
Colts United v South Epsom		B2	3	1
Deniliquin v Strathdale		D	3	1
Echuca v Kyneton		E	3	1
ROUND 6 — 7th MAY:				
Golden City — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Golden City Reserves		B1	—	1
Colts United v Deniliquin		B2	3	1
Eaglehawk v Strathdale		TR	1	3
Echuca v College		E	3	—
Echuca Reserves v Rugby		E	—	1
Puckapunyal v Castlemaine		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Castlemaine Reserves		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Kyneton		SE	3	1
ROUND 7 — 14th MAY:				
Puckapunyal — bye		—	—	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Colts B		SP	—	1
College v South Epsom		B1	1	—
Rugby v South Epsom Reserves		SP	—	3
Castlemaine v Colts United		WHO	3	1
Deniliquin v Eaglehawk		D	3	1
Kyneton v Golden City		BS	1	3
Strathdale v Echuca		B2	3	1
ROUND 8 — 21st MAY:				
College — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Rugby		B1	—	1
Colts United v Kyneton		B2	3	1
Eaglehawk v Golden City		TR	1	3
Echuca v Castlemaine		E	3	1
Puckapunyal v Deniliquin		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Deniliquin Reserves		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Strathdale		SE	3	1
ROUND 9 — 28th MAY:				
Kyneton — bye		—	—	—
Kyneton Reserves v Colts B		BS	—	1
Castlemaine v Deniliquin		WHO	3	1
Eaglehawk v Puckapunyal		TR	3	—
Eaglehawk Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		TR	—	1
Echuca v South Epsom		E	3	1
Golden City v College		B1	1	—
Golden City Reserves v Rugby		B1	—	3
Strathdale v Colts United		B2	3	1

Home	Away	Place	Kick-Off Times	
			Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 10 — 4th JUNE:				
Deniliquin — bye		—	—	—
Deniliquin Reserves v Colts B		D	—	1
College v Strathdale		B1	1	—
Rugby v Strathdale Reserves		SP	—	3
Castlemaine v Kyneton		WHO	3	1
Colts United v Echuca		B2	3	1
Puckapunyal v Golden City		P	1	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Golden City		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Eaglehawk		SE	3	1
ROUND 11 — 11th JUNE:				
Strathdale — bye		—	—	—
Strathdale Reserves v Colts B		B2	—	1
Castlemaine v South Epsom		WHO	3	1
Eaglehawk v Colts United		TR	1	3
Echuca v Puckapunyal		E	3	—
Echuca Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		E	—	1
Golden City v Deniliquin		B1	3	1
Kyneton v College		BS	1	—
Kyneton Reserves v Rugby		BS	—	3

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			Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 12 — 18th JUNE:				
Eaglehawk — bye		—	—	—
Eaglehawk Reserves v Colts B		TR	—	1
Kyneton v Echuca		BS	3	1
Golden City v Castlemaine		B1	1	3
Puckapunyal v College		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Rugby		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Colts United		SE	3	1
Strathdale v Deniliquin		B2	3	1
ROUND 13 — 25th JUNE:				
College — bye		—	—	—
Rugby v Colts B		SP	—	1
Castlemaine v Echuca		WHO	3	1
Deniliquin v Puckapunyal		D	1	—
Deniliquin Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		D	—	3
Golden City v Eaglehawk		B1	3	1
Kyneton v Colts United		BS	1	3
Strathdale v South Epsom		B2	1	3
ROUND 14 — 2nd JULY:				
South Epsom — bye		—	—	—
South Epsom Reserves v Colts B		SE	—	1
Deniliquin v Kyneton		D	3	1
Eaglehawk v College		TR	3	—
Eaglehawk Reserves v Rugby		TR	—	1
Golden City v Echuca		B1	1	3
Puckapunyal v Colts United		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Colts A		SP	—	1
Strathdale v Castlemaine		B2	3	1
ROUND 15 — 9th JULY:				
Echuca — bye		—	—	—
Echuca Reserves v Colts B		E	—	1
Castlemaine v Eaglehawk		WHO	3	1
Colts United v College		B2	1	—
Colts A v Rugby		B2	—	3
Deniliquin v South Epsom		D	3	1
Golden City v Strathdale		B1	3	1
Kyneton v Puckapunyal		BS	1	—
Kyneton Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		BS	—	3
ROUND 16 — 16th JULY:				
Colts United — bye		—	—	—
Colts A v Colts B		B2	—	3
College v Castlemaine		B1	3	—
Rugby v Castlemaine Reserves		SP	—	1
Eaglehawk v Kyneton		TR	3	1
Echuca v Deniliquin		E	3	1
Puckapunyal v Strathdale		P	3	—
Strathdale Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		B1	—	1
South Epsom v Golden City		SE	1	3

Home	Away	Place	Kick-Off Times Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 17 — 23rd JULY:				
Puckapunyal — bye	—	—	—	—
Colts B* v Bendigo Old Boys	SP	—	—	1
Colts United v Castlemaine	B2	—	1	3
Eaglehawk v Deniliquin	TR	—	3	1
Echuca v Strathdale	E	—	3	1
Golden City v Kyneton	B1	—	3	1
South Epsom v College	SE	—	1	—
South Epsom Reserves v Rugby	SE	—	—	3
* Due to the unavailability of Beischer Park Colts B will have to make arrangements with Bendigo Old Boys to prepare the home ground at Shadford Park.				
ROUND 18 — 30th JULY:				
Golden City — bye	—	—	—	—
Golden City Reserves v Colts B	B1	—	—	3
College v Echuca	B1	—	1	—
Rugby v Echuca Reserves	SP	—	—	3
Castlemaine v Puckapunyal	WHO	—	3	—
Castlemaine Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys	WHO	—	—	1
Deniliquin v Colts United	D	—	3	1
Kyneton v South Epsom	BS	—	1	3
Strathdale v Eaglehawk	B2	—	3	1

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			Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 19 — 6th AUGUST:				
Castlemaine — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Castlemaine Reserves		B1	—	3
College v Deniliquin		B1	1	—
Rugby v Deniliquin Reserves		SP	—	3
Colts United v Golden City		B2	3	1
Echuca v Eaglehawk		E	3	1
Kyneton v Strathdale		BS	3	1
Puckapunyal v South Epsom		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v South Epsom Reserves		SP	—	1

ROUND 20 — 13th AUGUST:				
Kyneton — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Kyneton Reserves		B1	—	3
College v Golden City		B1	1	—
Rugby v Golden City Reserves		SP	—	3
Colts United v Strathdale		B2	3	1
Deniliquin v Castlemaine		D	3	1
Puckapunyal v Eaglehawk		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Eaglehawk Reserves		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Echuca		SE	3	1

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Home	Away	Place	Kick-Off Times	
			Seniors p.m.	Reserves p.m.
ROUND 21 — 20th AUGUST:				
Deniliquin — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Deniliquin Reserves		B2	—	1
Eaglehawk v South Epsom		TR	3	1
Echuca v Colts United		E	3	1
Golden City v Puckapunyal		B1	1	—
Golden City Reserves v Bendigo Old Boys		B1	—	3
Kyneton v Castlemaine		BS	3	1
Strathdale v College		B2	3	—
Strathdale Reserves* v Rugby		SP	—	1

* Due to the unavailability of Beischer Park Strathdale Reserves will have to make arrangements with Rugby to prepare the home ground at Shadford Park.

ROUND 22 — 27th AUGUST:				
Strathdale — bye		—	—	—
Colts B v Strathdale Reserves		B1	—	3
College v Kyneton		B1	1	—
Rugby v Kyneton Reserves		SP	—	3
Colts United v Eaglehawk		B2	3	1
Deniliquin v Golden City		D	3	1
Puckapunyal v Echuca		P	3	—
Bendigo Old Boys v Echuca Reserves		SP	—	1
South Epsom v Castlemaine		SE	3	1

SEPTEMBER 2nd—POSTPONED GAMES

SEPTEMBER 8th—RESERVES 5-A-SIDE COMPETITION

SEPTEMBER 9th—SENIOR 5-A-SIDE COMPETITION

KNOCK-OUT CUP

SEPTEMBER 16th—FIRST ROUND

SEPTEMBER 23rd—SECOND ROUND

SEPTEMBER 30th—SEMI-FINALS

OCTOBER 7th—FINAL

HOME GROUNDS

B1 — Beischer 1
B2 — Beischer 2
BS — Barkly Square
D — Deniliquin
E — Echuca
P — Puckapunyal
SE — South Epsom
SP — Shadford Park
TR — Truscott Reserve
WHO — Wesley Hill Oval

College, Colts B, Golden City
Colts United, Strathdale
Kyneton
Deniliquin
Echuca
Puckapunyal
South Epsom
Bendigo Old Boys, Rugby
Eaglehawk
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BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

I have been involved with junior soccer in Bendigo from the time it started in 1972. From its very humble beginning the Association has expanded into one consisting of thirty-two teams spread over four age divisions that cater for close to six hundred youngsters, and it has been most gratifying to watch the youngsters improve their skills as they move through the age groups and on to senior ranks. It has been equally satisfying to note the overall improvement in the standard of competition.

In any such association there are the occasional high points that stand out clearly from the general run of things and which make the time and effort expended seem really worthwhile. This year there were two such high points and I am pleased to make them the subject of this short report.

Firstly, the decision to introduce an under-10 division into the Junior League. This was easily the best decision made since the decision to start junior soccer in Bendigo. Those amongst you who have taken the time to watch these little fellows in action will know exactly what I mean. Those of you who have not seen them should make the effort to do so this season. They are a delight to watch for they so obviously love to play. The important thing is to be given the chance to participate; to them winning is no more than a bonus and losing is not the end of their enjoyment. What they lack in skill they make up for in enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Already many senior teams include young players who were introduced to soccer in the Junior League, where their interest was sustained until they were old enough and good enough to play Senior soccer. The juniors are the future of soccer in Bendigo.

Secondly, at the Annual Presentation Night of the Bendigo Soccer League the importance of Junior soccer was officially recognised for the first time. An award for "The Greatest Contribution to Soccer in Bendigo" was presented to our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Les Rowe.

This official recognition of our efforts toward the advancement of soccer could not have gone to a more worthy recipient than Les, who has worked so hard for the juniors. On top of his duties as League Secretary-Treasurer, Les somehow finds the time to organise, coach and manage as many as six teams from the Quarry Hill Primary School. Congratulations on winning this well-earned award, Les.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small group of men and women who give so much of their time to organising and administering the Junior League and to thank also that similarly small group of enthusiasts who make themselves available for refereeing. Thanks to these people 1977 was a successful season and I look forward to your continued support during 1978.

BARRY MOORE (President).

UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977 THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE SHIELD

	Won	Drew	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Kangaroo Flat	14	0	0	28
Colts United	7	2	5	16
Strathdale	7	—	7	14
South Epsom	7	—	7	14
Golden City (Whits)	5	1	8	11
St. Vincents	—	1	13	1

THE BARRY MOORE UNDER-16 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1977

FIRST ROUND —		SECOND ROUND —		FINAL —	
Strathdale	4				
St. Vincents	1	South Epsom	3		
		Strathdale	0		
Colts United	3			KANGAROO FLAT	4
Golden City	1			SOUTH EPSOM	0
		Kangaroo Flat	2		
K.F.T.S.	Bye	Colts United	1		
South Epsom	Bye				

NOEL BEATON MEDAL — PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1977

Voting

Winner: T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale)	21
A. Christou (South Epsom)	19
G. Lee (Kangaroo Flat)	16
P. Herrick (Kangaroo Flat)	16
R. Green (Golden City)	15

Previous Winners

1972—S. Wood (Golden City)
1973—A. Logan (South Bendigo)
1974—G. Green (White Hills Technical School)
1975—S. McKnight (Kangaroo Flat)
1976—S. Bolton (South Bendigo)

UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977 THE PETER KALADIS TROPHY

	Won	Drew	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Strathdale	14	0	0	28
Quarry Hill Rovers	12	—	2	24
Colts United	10	1	3	21
Eaglehawk	9	1	4	19
Golden City	9	1	4	19
Quarry Hill Colts	8	1	5	17
St. Vincents	6	2	6	14
Kangaroo Flat	5	0	9	10
Girton College	4	0	10	8
South Epsom	3	0	11	6
Castlemaine	1	0	13	2

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A. Treloar, G. Treloar, A. Lebbink.

Front Row (left to right): S. Nowak, P. Haye, D. Moyer, J. Brugman, R. Champion,
M. Hurst, A. Louey.



**GOLDEN CITY SOCCER CLUB — 1977 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP
IN THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Back Row (left to right): B. Hicks, R. McIntosh, C. Reilly, A. Sumner, T. Ellinghaus, D. Keith.

Front Row (left to right): P. Hall, M. Gould, B. Vedelsby, J. Watson, J. Reilly, I. Fotheringham.



**BENDIGO SOCCER SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FOR GAME AGAINST
BALLARAT SOCCER LEAGUE**

Back Row (left to right): J. Allen (Coach), R. McIntosh (G/City), J. Van Emmerik (Strathdale), D. Moyer (College), C. Ricketts (College), M. Hogan (Eaglehawk), S. Dunne (Deniliquin).

Front Row (left to right): C. McCuskey (G/City), M. Aitken (Eaglehawk), P. Hall (G/City), S. Nowak (College), M. Gould (G/City), J. Watson (G/City).

Results of Games Played 1977

Swan Hill (1) v Bendigo (7)
Ballarat (2) v Bendigo (9)
Bendigo (1) v Industrial League (4)



BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE U/18 REPRESENTATIVE SIDE FOR GAME AGAINST BALLARAT SOCCER LEAGUE

Back Row (left to right): S. McKnight, S. Butler, P. Eddy, B. Kenworthy, B. Johnston, P. Herrick.
Front Row (left to right): J. Green, D. Bolton, M. James, S. Wood, T. Bogiatis, A. Christou.

Results of Games Played 1977

Swan Hill (0) v Bendigo (13)
 Ballarat (2) v Bendigo (3)
 Bendigo (4) v President's Eleven (5)



Tony Longano of Strathdale (George Gerry Player of the Year, 1977) receiving his Individual Award presented by Geoff Legg (League Secretary) with George Gerry looking on.



For the third year in a row Chris Ricketts (College) wins the Viewpoint Trophy for the Leading Goalscorer — a remarkable feat. Seen here receiving his Trophy from Mr. Les Rowe, Secretary of the Bendigo Junior Soccer League. Les later received the President's "Contribution to Soccer" Award.



A JUBILANT CASTLEMAINE — WINNERS OF THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE 5-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1977 — THEIR FIRST EVER TROPHY IN BENDIGO COMPETITION

Back Row (left to right): A. Bond, R. Evans, J. Shepherd, R. Colla.
Front Row (left to right): D. Gale, M. Evans, P. Noulton.



Dick Turner (Mayor Bendigo) presents the Dr. J. A. Reilly Cup to Dave Bolton of the College Soccer Club, League Champions for 1977.



Fotas Pikoulas presents his Team Sportsmanship Award for 1977 to Barry Moore of the Colts United Soccer Club. In their first season as an independent club, Colts were also Runners-Up in the Senior Knock-Out Cup, the Most Improved Team, and their Reserves won the Reserves Knock-Out Cup.



Trudy Phillips (Eaglehawk) receives the "Best and Fairest" and the "Most Consistent Player" Awards, 1977 (Bendigo Women's Soccer Association), from Mr. Graham Turphy of the Bendigo Advertiser.



President of the Bendigo Soccer League (left) receives the Centenary Plate from the Middlesbrough and England Trainer Harold Shepherdson (centre) during the Commemorative Dinner held in Bendigo on 26th May, 1977. Jack Hatfield, Middlesbrough Club Director, looks on (right).

LES ROWE MEDAL — PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1977

Voting

Winner: S. White (South Epsom)	26
M. Anderson (Colts United)	23
R. Johnstone (Castlemaine)	21
C. Hall (Golden City)	21
D. Muir (Girton College)	21

Previous Winners

1973—D. Bolton (Quarry Hill)
 1974—P. Harward (Strathdale)
 1975—R. Gould (Strathdale)
 1976—R. Herrick (K.F.T.S.), B. Hill (Castlemaine)*

* Equal after count-back

UNDER-12 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977 THE JANE HALL SHIELD

	Won	Drew	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Colts United	14	0	0	28
Strathdale	9	2	3	20
White Hills Demons	9	2	3	20
Quarry Hill Eagles	7	2	5	16
Quarry Hill Rangers	7	1	6	15
Eaglehawk	3	1	10	7
Golden City	3	0	11	6
South Epsom	0	0	14	0

THE LAURIE GOULD UNDER-12 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1977

FIRST ROUND —	SECOND ROUND —	FINAL —	
Strathdale 2			
Quarry Hill Rangers 1			
Quarry Hill Eagles 4	Strathdale 2		
Eaglehawk 1	Quarry Hill Eagles 1	COLTS UNITED 3	
Colts United 12	Colts United 3	STRATHDALE 1	
South Epsom 0	White Hills Demons 2		
White Hill Demons 5			
Golden City 0			

GEORGE HARPER MEDAL — PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1977

Voting

Winner: J. Travis (White Hills Demons)	22
P. Murphy (Quarry Hill Ramblers)	20
D. Clarke (Colts United)	19
N. Thompson (Golden City)	19
A. Raselli (Colts United)	16

Previous Winners

1975—R. Davies (Quarry Hill)
1976—B. Trowell (Eaglehawk)

UNDER-10 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1977 THE LES ROWE SHIELD

	Won	Drew	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Colts United	14	0	0	28
White Hills Devils	11	1	2	23
Quarry Hill Wanderers	8	1	5	17
Girton Dragons	8	0	6	16
Quarry Hill Ramblers	5	0	9	10
Girton Lions	2	1	7	5
White Hills Tigers	2	1	7	5

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THE BENDIGO JUNIOR LEAGUE UNDER-10 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1977

FIRST ROUND —

White Hills Devils	8
Quarry Hill Ramblers	0

All other teams
had a Bye

SECOND ROUND —

Colts United	4
Quarry Hill Wanderers	0

White Hills Devils	8
White Hills Tigers	0

FINAL —

COLTS UNITED	4
WHITE HILLS DEVILS	0

BARRY MOORE MEDAL — PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1977

Voting

Winner: R. Langan (Girton College)	26
S. Kendall (Colts United)	22
S. Chisholm (Colts United)	17
J. Cartwright (Quarry Hill Ramblers)	16
C. Bruhn (White Hills Devils)	14
P. Sea (Quarry Hill Wanderers)	13

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BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1972 junior soccer was started in response to a request from young enthusiasts for an alternative football code. From the outset the newly formed administration determined that all their decisions would be geared to satisfying the youngsters; to maintaining their enthusiasm; to improving their personal performance and to developing their sense of fair play.

As the rewards of any programme are related to the level of involvement of the individual participants the administration has tried to involve as many youngsters as possible in the few short years since the league began. From the initial four team competition the league has grown to a three division, 27 team competition. Even this rapid growth has not been sufficient to cater for the numbers of youngsters wanting to play and so the league waived the generally accepted rules governing the number of substitutes and allowed the under-12 and under-14 teams to play any number of players and to change them on and off the field throughout the game. By doing this it has been possible to involve many more youngsters each Saturday. This year it has been decided that goal averages will not be considered in the hope that it will also encourage coaches to play more of their less skilful players against the weaker teams. The Administration also has made it clear to coaches and supporters that they will not tolerate any encouragement of aggressive play as the protection of the youngsters is of prime concern and it is considered that overly aggressive play tends to reduce the development of skill.

Quite obviously the object of any competitive sport is to win and players should be encouraged to use every practical means of winning within the rules and the spirit of the game. It is hoped that coaches will instil in all their players the attitudes that will allow them to accept success with grace and failure with restraint. The importance of the coaches who work with juniors cannot be overstressed and it is vital to the future of junior soccer that they keep the game in perspective. He must constantly be aware that he is training youngsters not professionals, and that he is there for the players sake, not the other way around. More than anyone else, the coach will determine the participant's level of enjoyment and satisfaction. A thoughtless comment, an outburst of bad temper at players or referee, a lack of encouraging comment to boys who are trying, or simply overlooking the last boy on the bench can destroy weeks of dedicated effort by coach and players. The attitude and character of the coach are usually reflected in the actions of his players.

If junior soccer is to continue to grow in Bendigo a highly skilful and tactically sound game must be developed so that it is satisfying to play and enjoyable to watch. To reach such a standard in Bendigo we need the assistance of experienced players to act as coaches for our juniors have reached the stage where they need this additional expertise.

Experienced players need not worry that their efforts would be judged by their win-loss record, for the Administration is not interested in anything other than their overall contribution to the game, their ability to teach the basic skills and simple tactics and by their efforts to motivate and develop desirable attitudes and conduct in the young players on and off the field.

The Administration would like to thank the few senior players who have helped us in the past and the many schoolboys who have given up so much of their free time to coach, manage and referee. We would also like to repeat what we have already said: we need more senior players to help us out this coming season.

COACHING HINTS

by RON SMITH

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The following represents the first of a series on how to improve your play. Some of the basic skills of the game, i.e., heading, receiving the ball and tackling are outlined, along with many practice routines for improving these skills.

HEADING

Heading the ball is a technique of particular importance for back and forward players and one which all players should try to develop.

When introducing heading to beginners try to build confidence quickly. This will be aided by using a lightweight ball so that mistakes will not be painful. A ball which has been let down slightly will also be more comfortable to head in the early stages. The technique of heading is shown in Fig. 1.

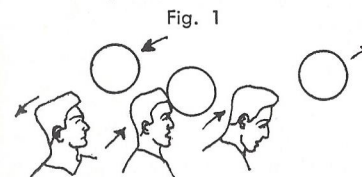


Fig. 1

Contact with the ball is made with the forehead, the neck muscles held firm and eyes on the ball. The head follows through after contact. Power may be obtained by flexing the knees and then straightening on impact. The feet should be comfortably apart to provide a balanced position.

Introductory Practice

- Throw the ball in the air, head and catch it.
- Try to head the ball as many times as possible.
- Throw the ball to a partner, 4 metres away, and head to each other.

As confidence increases the players may be encouraged to increase the power in the heading by arching the back and then coming forward from the hips to head through the ball. The feet should be apart and the knees flexed to allow backward and forward movement of the body, as in Fig. 2.

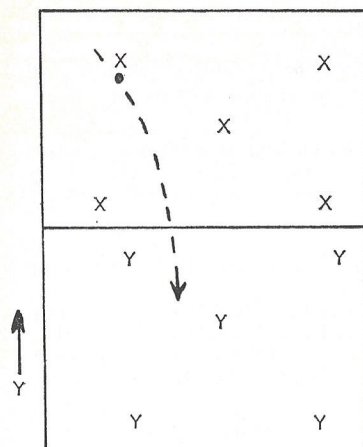
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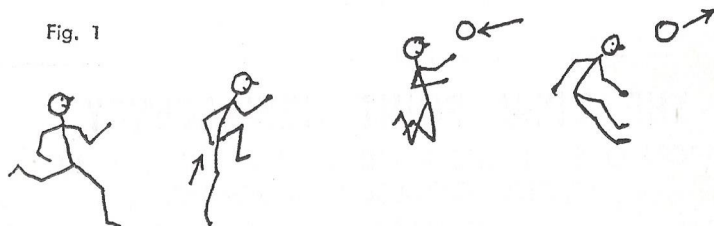
HEADING

There are many occasions when defending players have to deal with high balls in or around their penalty area. Crosses from the flanks and midfield, long throw-ins, corner kicks and free kicks are all situations which pose an enormous threat to the goal.

When jumping to head the ball the following points should be remembered:

- More height will be gained if you take two or three steps into the jump.
- Take off on one foot and bring your free leg and arms up vigorously.
- As your body leaves the ground, arch your back.
- Just before impact with the ball, thrust the top half of your body forwards so that your head makes contact with the ball to give power to the header. The legs will also come forwards to maintain a balanced landing position, as shown in Fig. 1.

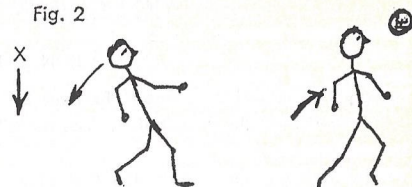
Fig. 1



The direction of the ball may be changed by using your neck to turn your head and bring it forcefully into the ball.

No matter how good you are technically at heading the ball, you must have courage and determination when it comes to winning the ball in the air.

Fig. 2



HEAD TENNIS

The ball must be played over the centre line or net with the head, to land in the opponents' court. The ball may bounce once and must be kept in the air. Each time the ball is played into the opponents' court it must be headed.

If the ball touches the ground more than once on either side or lands outside the court a point is awarded to the other team.

Rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.

The first thing you must do is attack the ball and be first to it. Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it to head the ball at the highest possible point. This requires good timing in jumping and ability to predict the flight path of the ball as early as possible.

Once you get to the ball, go for height and head through the bottom half. The longer the ball is in the air the more time the defenders have to prepare themselves to clear it effectively.

Distance is next on the list of priorities. Head the ball as far as possible away from the goal. The direction of the header should be wide and away from the flight path of the ball.

Remember the following points, attack the ball and head for height, distance and width in that order.

RECEIVING THE BALL

When a player decides to receive the ball during a game, there are several techniques which he may use to control the ball. The height and trajectory of the ball will influence how the player controls the ball and the time and space in which the player has to move will either increase or decrease the options open to him. A player may have space to move backwards and receive a high pass as the ball bounces, instead of on his chest. The player may have an opponent behind him or he may want to move forwards with the ball as quickly as possible, in which case he may have to receive the ball on his chest or even head the ball forwards.

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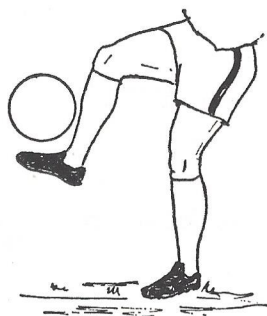
- Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it.
- Relax and withdraw the receiving surface just before making contact. The speed of the ball will determine how quickly the receiving surface is withdrawn.

Once the techniques have been mastered you should practise receiving and deflecting the ball. This is done in one movement and is vital if you want to move off quickly as you receive the ball.

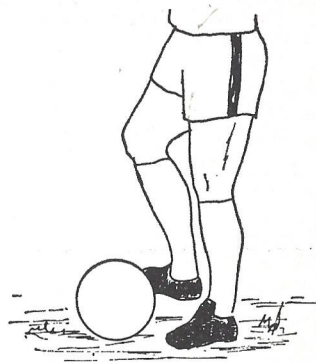
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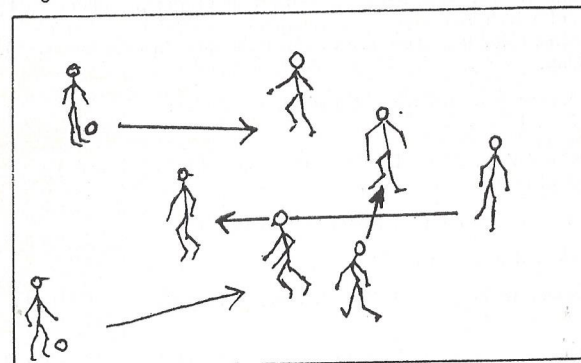
Receiving the ball with the
Outside of the foot



RECEIVING THE BALL

The following practices are designed to develop a player's technical ability when receiving the ball.

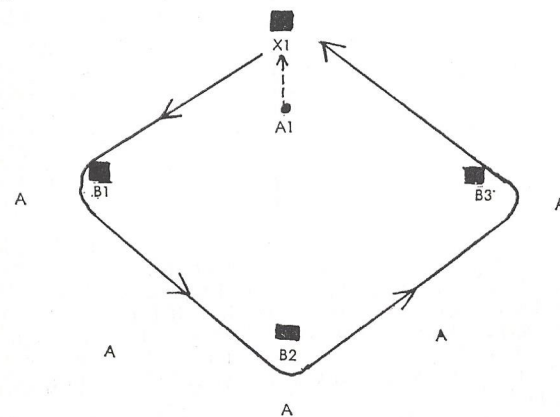
Practice 1



The players work in pairs or groups of three and pass the ball to one another along the ground. When a player has the ball he must run with it until his partner calls for the ball, and then pass accurately to feet. The player receiving the pass must get in line with the ball and then move towards it. The players may be given directions in which to move as they receive the ball.

Practice 2

A1 passes the ball to X1 who must kick the ball forwards. X1 must then try to run around the bases B1, B2 and B3 back to his starting position, without stopping, to score a run for his team. The A team have to pass the ball to one of the bases before the X player gets there in order to get him out. If the ball goes in the air from the X player's kick the A team may get him out in the following way: (a) By trapping the ball on the first bounce, or (b) Touching the ball twice before it hits the ground. No player is allowed to handle the ball at any stage. The rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.



RECEIVING THE BALL

A player in a match is constantly making decisions regarding controlling the ball. The decision of whether to control the ball or not, is influenced by several factors, one of which is the position of team-mates and opposing players. Therefore it is desirable for beginners to develop techniques in situations which demand decision making.

The following practices may be used to help players decide when and when not to receive the ball.

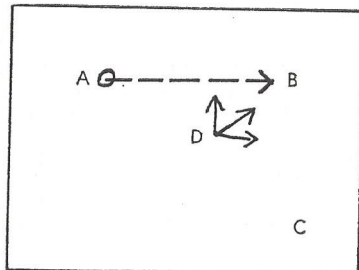
In Practice 4 A passes to B who is challenged by D. When A passes the ball, D may do one of three things.

- (a) Try to intercept the pass from B to either A or C.
- (b) Tackle B if he keeps the ball.

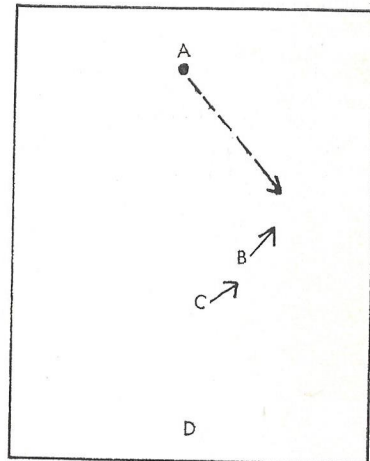
If B decides to keep the ball each time, D may move closer to B, to be in a more threatening position.

A, B and C have to make three passes without D touching the ball. The service may be varied for practice of different techniques.

Practice 4



Practice 5

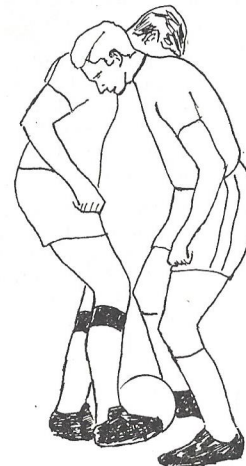


In Practice 5, A passes to B who is marked by C. A and B have to get the ball to D. Defender C must stay behind B until A passes the ball. One important point for B is his angle of run to receive the ball. If B runs sideways and then goes to meet the pass he will be able to glance over his shoulder more easily to see where C is and decide whether to keep the ball and turn, or pass back to A. It may be necessary to position C several yards behind B to allow him more time to do this in the beginning.

TACKLING

There are several techniques which are used in tackling, (a) The front block tackle, (b) The side block tackle, and (c) The sliding tackle.

When using the front block tackle the tackling foot should be turned outwards so that contact with the ball is made with the inside of the foot. The knee should be slightly flexed and the muscles of the leg firmly contracted. To be in the strongest position to win the tackle the body should be over the ball at contact as in Fig. 1.



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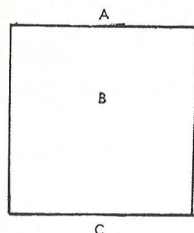
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Once a player has decided to tackle, and this decision will be influenced by several factors, he should be determined to win the ball and not just impede his opponent.

Players who tackle half-heartedly will not win the ball and may suffer injury as a result. So remember, tackle hard and fairly for the best results.



Practice 1

Players A and C take it in turns to try and dribble past defender B. Players A and C have five goes each before one of them changes with player B. Keep a score and see who wins the most number of tackles.

The side block tackle or the sliding tackle is used when the defender is travelling in the same direction as the player with the ball.

The side block tackle may be used when the defender is able to get close enough to the attacker, so that he does not have to stretch to make the tackle. The non-tackling foot should be placed close to the ball so that the weight of the body is over the ball when the tackle is made, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 1

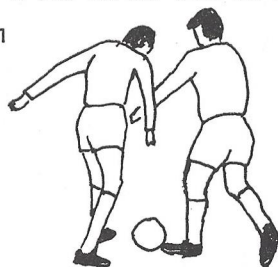
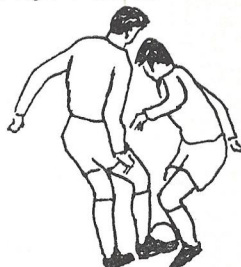


Fig. 2



The sliding tackle is often used as a last resort, or when the ball may be knocked out of play. Sliding tackles should be used with caution because if the tackle is unsuccessful the defender is left on the ground and out of the game.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the sliding tackle and it is important to note that the tackling leg is the leg which is farthest away from the opponent.

One of the most common mistakes is to tackle with the inside leg. Such tackles often result in a free-kick being given away unnecessarily.

Fig. 3

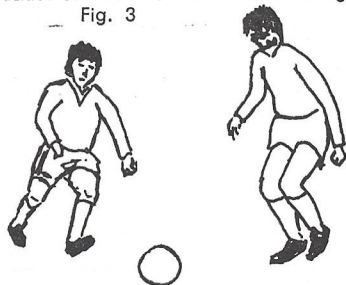
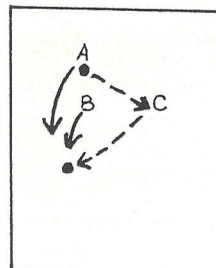


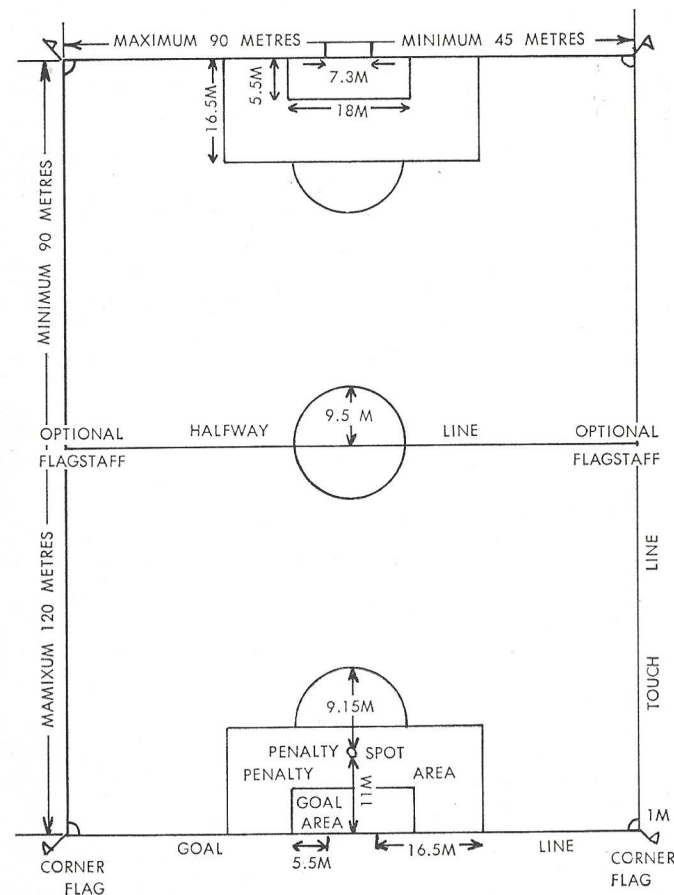
Fig. 4



Practice 2



A attacks defender B and makes a wall pass using C as the supporting attacker. B turns to chase A and, depending on his position, he either makes a slide block tackle or a sliding tackle.



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THE HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1975, with the help of the then Secretary of the B.S.L., Mr. Ian Platt, the Bendigo Women's Soccer Association was formed with four teams — Bendigo High School, Golden Square High School, B.I.T. and Eaglehawk, with B.I.T. dominating the season.

Since that time the Association has gone from strength to strength. 1976 saw the same teams lining up, but G.S.H.S. had joined Golden City, while B.H.S. gained sponsorship. This year also saw the first contact with the Victorian Women's Soccer Association. Consequently, three inter-league matches against the State squad were played. The first of these matches resulted in a sound defeat for the combined Bendigo team, but great value and experience was gained. This was evident in the following encounters with them, the last of which resulted in a 1-1 draw in an exhibition game in the B.S.L.'s 5-a-side competition.

Last year saw a new team entering the competition to make 5 clubs registered with B.W.S.A. All teams at this stage had joined with men's clubs and they were: College, Golden City, Eaglehawk, Colts and South Epsom. Again this year a number of inter-league matches were played against the Victorians as well as other country teams. 1977 also saw the affiliation of the B.W.S.A. with the State body which resulted in close contact with the V.W.S.A. As a result, Bendigo has had the services of the State coach Albert Martin, and our affiliation enabled one of our local players, Cheryl Elvey, to be selected in the State team for the National Titles in Perth in August. This is a good indication of the improvement in general standard within the Bendigo teams. Earlier in the year two combined teams travelled to Ballarat in a promotional exercise. This resulted in a full page spread in the Ballarat Courier on the following Monday.

Later the Bendigo team travelled to Swan Hill and played the Swan Hill Association side in a curtain raiser. Again Bendigo was able to demonstrate its strength by soundly defeating the locals.

The final event of the year was a Round Robin in which Waverley, a first division Melbourne side, Seymour and Swan Hill, along with local teams, competed. This was a very successful weekend which saw Waverley defeating College in the final, after extra time, to clinch the title. Once again indicating the improvement in the standard of the local competition.

Season 1978 promises to be bigger and better than last year, with a sixth team, Seymour, affiliating and with the formation of a Bendigo Squad to play in inter-league matches.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the B.S.L. and local clubs for their support, especially in the areas of coaching and refereeing, as well as allowing us to use their pitches. We have an ever-increasing need for more support in these areas as our numbers and skills improve.

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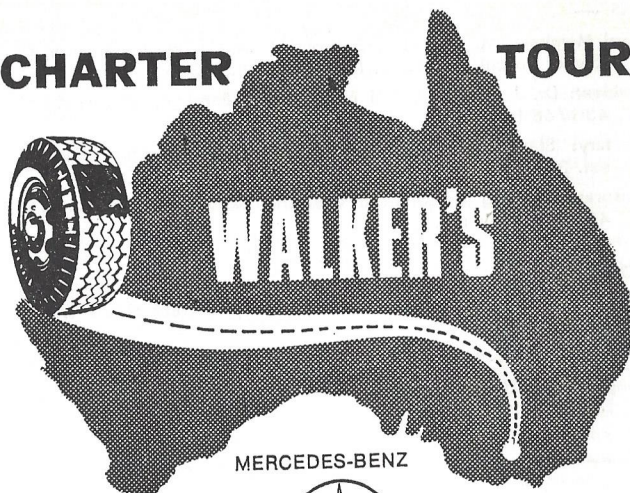
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It is with the greatest pride and pleasure that we announce the acceptance of the Bendigo City team into the Provisional League of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The successful quest for entry is the culmination of years of planning, largely by the Bendigo Soccer League President, Mr. Stan Hodson. Stan has worked tirelessly, with determination and enthusiasm, to arouse and sustain the impetus necessary to achieve successful negotiations and entry into Melbourne Soccer.

Our case for consideration was presented adroitly by Messrs. Geoff Legg and Adrian Hamilton at a recent meeting in Melbourne. Despite the application of teams from Melbourne, our presentation demonstrated the solidarity, enthusiasm and administrative ability of the Bendigo Soccer League.

The Bendigo City team is truly representative of the Bendigo Soccer League and we look forward to the necessary continuing support from our League and from the local media and spectators in our quest for future honours.

Our eventual aim is to gain promotion to the State League and to see our first player represent Australia at the Olympic Games and in World Cup Soccer.

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COACHING OF BENDIGO CITY

BY CLIVE BECK, SENIOR COACH

In writing this article, I wish to outline briefly my general ideas about the coaching principles I intend implementing with the new Bendigo City side this year.

Well firstly, like other areas of organisation within this new club, coaching will not be left to one person. The club has also appointed two well-qualified and experienced assistant coaches in Siggy Nowak and Clive Ibbeson. Furthermore, Joe Reilly and Charlie Wood, both with a vast knowledge of soccer, have very kindly offered to constructively criticize match performances. I feel this is a foundation of expertise no other club in our division will be able to match. We are determined to make Bendigo's first season in Melbourne a highly successful one.

I am not going to pretend, however, that this task will be easily achieved without a great deal of personal dedication and effort on the part of each player, in club matches and formal and informal training times. With only one organised training night this year, facets such as personal fitness and general ball skill ability will need to be developed outside this time if players are to maintain and enhance their performance.

Success in soccer, as with most things worth having in life, is only achieved by hard work. There are no secret formulae in soccer coaching.

My job is to maximise the potential of each player. In return, the player's job is to try to give his best at all times. If at that time his best is not good enough, then at least he has the satisfaction of knowing it was not for lack of effort.

Given the choice, I value more a player who gives 100% effort all the time over a more skilled player who gives only 50% effort. The former will certainly improve his skill level with time, while the latter can only remain static or even deteriorate in performance.

Therefore, if you want to succeed with Bendigo City, or any other successful soccer team (and in my opinion there is no doubt Bendigo City will be successful with the players available), join the club with the intention to give your maximum effort at all times. Then you will enjoy the success the future holds for Bendigo City.

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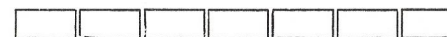
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Round 6	— 13/5/78	Bendigo City v South Dandenong	
Round 7	— 20/5/78	Bendigo City v Royal Park	
Round 8	— 27/5/78	Melton v Bendigo City	
Round 9	— 3/6/78	Bendigo City v Thomastown	
Round 10	— 10/6/78	Sunbury v Bendigo City	
Round 11	— 17/6/78	Bendigo City v Hawthorn	
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Round 16	— 22/7/78	Bendigo City v Karingal	
Round 17	— 29/7/78	South Dandenong v Bendigo City	
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NUMBER OF PLAYERS (LAW THREE) —

- (1) A match shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- (2) Substitutes may be used in any match played under the rules of a competition, subject to the following conditions.
 - (a) that the authority of the International Association(s) or National Association(s) concerned, has been obtained.
 - (b) that, subject to the restriction contained in the following paragraph (c), the rules of a competition shall state how many, if any, substitutes may be used, and
 - (c) that a player shall not be permitted to use more than two substitutes in any match.
- (3) Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper, provided that the referee is informed before the change is made, and provided also, that the change is made during a stoppage in the game.

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- (4) When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (a) the referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution before it is made.
 - (b) the substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and he has received a signal from the referee.
 - (c) he shall enter the field during a stoppage of the game, and at the halfway line.
- (5) A match should not be considered valid if there are fewer than seven players in either of the teams.
- (6) A player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game.
- (7) A substitute shall be deemed to be a player and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT (LAW FOUR) —

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player. Footwear (boots or shoes) must conform to the following standard:—

- (a) bars shall be made of leather or rubber and shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width and shall extend the total width of the sole and be rounded at the corners.
- (b) Studs which are independently mounted on the sole and are replaceable shall be made of leather, rubber, aluminium, plastic or similar material and shall be solid. With the exception of that part of the stud forming the base, which shall not protude from the sole more than one quarter of an inch, studs shall be round in plan and not less than half an inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered the minimum diameter of any section of the stud must not be less than half an inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be embedded in the sole of the footwear and any attachment screw shall be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn, neither

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- (c) Studs which are moulded as an integral part of the sole and are not replaceable shall be made of rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar soft materials. Provided that there are no fewer than ten studs on the sole, they shall have a minimum diameter of three-eighths of an inch (10mm). In all other respects they shall conform to the general requirements of this law.
- (d) Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this law. Neither bars nor studs on the soles shall project more than three-quarters of an inch. If nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.

The goalkeeper shall wear colours which distinguish him from the other players and from the referee.

LINESMEN (LAW SIX) —

Two Linesmen shall be appointed, whose duty (subject to the decision of the Referee) shall be to indicate when the ball is out of play and which side is entitled to the corner-kick, goal-kick, or throw-in. They shall also assist the Referee to control the game in accordance with the Laws. In the event of undue interference or improper conduct by a Linesman, the Referee shall dispense with his service and arrange for a substitute to be appointed. (The matter shall be reported by the Referee to the competent authority). The Linesmen should be equipped with flags by the Club on whose ground the match is played.

DURATION OF THE GAME (LAW SEVEN) —

The duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, subject to the following:—

- (a) allowance shall be made in either period for all time lost through accident or other cause, the amount of which shall be a matter for the discretion of the Referee.
- (b) Time shall be extended to permit of a penalty kick being taken at or after the expiration of the normal period in either half.

At half time the interval shall not exceed five minutes except by consent of the Referee.

THE START OF PLAY (LAW EIGHT) —

- (a) At the beginning of the game, choice of ends and the kick-off shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss shall have the option of choice of ends or the kick-off. The referee having given a signal, the game shall be started by a player taking a place-kick (i.e. a kick at the ball while it is stationary on the ground in the centre of the field of play) into his opponents' half of the field of play. Every player shall be in his own half of the field and every player of the team opposing that of the kicker shall remain not less than 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked-off; it shall not be deemed in play until it has travelled the distance of its own circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.

- (b) After a goal has been scored, the game shall be re-started in the like manner by a player of the team losing the goal.
- (c) After half-time; when re-starting after half-time, ends shall be changed and the kick-off shall be taken by a player of the opposite team to that of the player who started the game.

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY (LAW NINE) —

The Ball is out of play:—

- (a) when it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air.
 - (b) When the game has been stopped by the Referee.
- The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish including:—
- (a) If the ball rebounds from a goal-post, cross-bar or corner flag post into the field of play.
 - (b) If it rebounds off either the Referee or Linesmen when they are in the field of play.
 - (c) In the event of a supposed infringement of the Laws, until a decision is given.

METHOD OF SCORING (LAW TEN) —

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal-posts and under the crossbar provided it has not been thrown, carried or propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goalkeeper, who is within his own penalty area.



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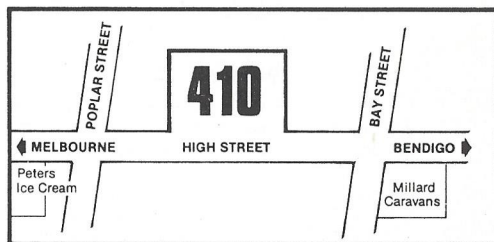
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The team scoring the greater number of goals during a game shall be the winner; if no goals, or an equal number of goals are scored, the game shall be termed a "draw".

OFF-SIDE (LAW ELEVEN) —

- (1) A player is off-side if he is nearer his opponents' goal-line than the ball at the moment the ball is played unless:—
 - (a) he is in his own half of the field of play.
 - (b) there are two of his opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is.
 - (c) the ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him.
 - (d) He receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or when it was dropped by the referee.
- (2) Off-side shall not be judged at the moment the player in question receives the ball, but at the moment when the ball is passed to him by one of his own side. A player who is not in an off-side position when one of his colleagues passes the ball to him or takes a free-kick does not therefore become off-side if he goes forward during the flight of the ball.

MISCONDUCT AND FOULS (LAW TWELVE) —

A player who intentionally commits any of the following nine offences shall be penalised by the award of a direct free kick to be taken by the opposing side.

- (i) Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
- (ii) Trips an opponent.
- (iii) Jumps at an opponent.
- (iv) Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.
- (v) Charges an opponent from behind (unless the opponent is obstructing).
- (vi) Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
- (vii) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm.
- (viii) Pushes an opponent.
- (ix) Handles the ball (this does not apply to the goal-keeper within his own penalty area).

Should a defender intentionally commit one of the above offences within his own penalty area he shall be penalised by a penalty-kick. A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed.

A player committing any of the five following offences:—

- (1) Playing in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous e.g. attempting to kick the ball while it is held by the goal-keeper.
- (2) Charging fairly, i.e. with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not trying to play it.
- (3) When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e. running between the opponent and the ball or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent.
- (4) Charging the goal-keeper except when he:—
 - (a) is holding the ball,
 - (b) is obstructing an opponent,
 - (c) has passed outside his goal-area.

(5) When playing as goal-keeper:—

- (a) takes more than 4 steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played by another player, or
- (b) indulges in tactics which, in the opinion of the Referee, are designed merely to hold up the game and thus waste time and so give an unfair advantage to his own team.

shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free-kick to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player shall be cautioned if:—

- (1) he enters or re-enters the field of play to join or re-join his team after the game has commenced, or leaves the field of play during the progress of the game (except through accident) without, in either case, first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he may do so. If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution the game shall be re-started by an indirect free-kick taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the offending player was when the Referee stopped the game. If, however, the offending player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the law he infringed.
- (2) he persistently infringes the laws of the game.
- (3) he shows by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the Referee.
- (4) he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

For any of these last three offences, in addition to the caution an indirect free-kick shall also be awarded to the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred, unless a more serious infringement of the laws of the game, was committed.



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A player shall be sent off the field of play if:—

- (a) in the opinion of the Referee, he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play.
- (b) he uses foul or abusive language;
- (c) he persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

If play be stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offence without a separate breach of the Law having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an indirect free-kick awarded to the opposing side from the place where the infringement took place.

The following should also be noted in interpreting this Law:—

- a. If the goalkeeper either intentionally strikes an opponent by throwing the ball vigorously at him, or pushes him with the ball while holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick, if the offence took place within the penalty-area.
- b. If a player deliberately turns his back to an opponent when he is about to be tackled, he may be charged but not in a dangerous manner.
- c. In case of body-contact in the goal-area between an attacking player and the opposing goalkeeper not in possession of the ball, the Referee, as sole judge of intention, shall stop the game if, in his opinion, the action of the attacking player was intentional, and award an indirect free-kick.
- d. If a player leans on the shoulders of another player of his own team in front of him in order to head the ball, which he succeeds in doing, the Referee shall stop the game, caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award an indirect free-kick to the opposing side.
- e. A player's obligation when joining or rejoining his team after the start of the match to "report to the referee" must be interpreted as meaning to "draw the attention to the Referee from the touch-line". The signal from the Referee shall be made by definite gesture which makes the player understand that he may come into the field of play; it is not necessary for the Referee to wait until the game is stopped (this does not apply in respect of an infringement of Law 4), but the Referee is the sole judge of the moment in which he gives his signal of acknowledgment.
- f. The letter and spirit of Law 12 do not oblige the Referee to stop a game to administer a caution. He may, if he chooses, apply the advantage. If he does apply the advantage, he may caution the player when play stops.

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- g. If a player covers up the ball without touching it in an endeavour not to have it played by an opponent, he obstructs but does not infringe Law 12, para 3, because he is already in possession of the ball, and covers it for tactical reasons whilst the ball remains within playing distance. In fact, he is actually playing the ball and does not commit an infringement, in this case, the player may be charged because he is in fact playing the ball.
- h. If a player intentionally stretches his arms to obstruct an opponent and steps from one side to the other, moving his arms up and down to delay his opponent, forcing him to change course, but does not "bodily contact" the Referee shall caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award an indirect free-kick. This applies also to players who attempt to prevent the goalkeeper from putting the ball into play in accordance with Law 12, 5(a).
- i. If after a referee has awarded a free-kick a player protests violently by using abusive or foul language and is sent off the field, the free-kick should not be taken until the player has left the field.
- j. Any player, whether he is within or outside the field of play, whose conduct is ungentlemanly or violent, whether or not it is directed towards an opponent, a colleague, the referee, a linesman or other person, or who uses foul and abusive language, is guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the nature of the offence committed.
- k. If in the opinion of the Referee a goalkeeper intentionally lies on the ball longer than is necessary, he shall be penalised for ungentlemanly conduct, and
 - (a) be cautioned, and an indirect free-kick awarded to the opposing team.
 - (b) In the case of repetition of the offence, be sent off the field.
- l. The offence of spitting at opponents, officials or other persons, or similar unseemly behaviour, shall be considered as violent conduct within the meaning of section (a) above.
- m. If, when a referee is about to caution a player, and before he has done so, the player commits another offence which merits a caution, the player will be sent off the field of play.

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The following are cautionable offences:—

- i. Entering, re-entering or leaving the field of play without the permission of the referee.
- ii. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game.
- iii. Dissent either verbal or by action against a decision made by the referee.
- iv. Ungentlemanly conduct.

A player shall be sent off the field if:—

- i. In the opinion of the referee he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play.
- ii. He uses foul or abusive language.
- iii. He persists in misconduct (i.e. commits another cautionable offence), after having received a caution.

This Disciplinary Code incorporates a system of penalty points with fixed points for every offence for which a player can be cautioned.

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Players who have been sent off the field are automatically suspended for three (3) Championship or Cup games. Players will have the right of appeal to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee against being sent off provided the appeal is lodged with the League's General Secretary not later than 5.00 p.m. on the Tuesday of the week following the match during which the offence occurred. Players who are found guilty of a sending off offence on appeal by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee must be suspended for three (3) matches although the number of matches for which a player is suspended can be increased at the discretion of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. All appeals against being sent off must be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 and such deposit will be refunded at the discretion of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

The referee's report on the sending off of any player will also be considered by the League and the League will have the option of increasing the length of the suspension as it sees fit. Players who are suspended two or more times in one season will be expected to appear before the League and explain their actions and such players may be subject to further suspension for bringing the game into disrepute.

The penalty points system is entirely independent and penalty points cannot be cancelled in any way during the season. Penalty points accumulated by a player lapse at the conclusion of the playing season.

Suspensions both for being sent off and for receiving more than twelve penalty points in one season will be completed in full and may extend into the next playing season.

A player who is sent from the field is not allowed to stand on the touchline until he has changed out of his playing strip. He is still regarded as being under the jurisdiction of the referee until the match is completed, and the referee has left the ground.

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2. Persistent infringement of the Laws.
3. Ungentlemanly conduct.
4. Seeking to gain an unfair advantage.

TWO POINTS —

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CONSTITUTION

(Currently under review)

An edited form of the Constitution of the Bendigo Soccer League is reprinted here for the benefit of all players, supporters and other interested persons. A copy of the full Constitution is held by all clubs and Members of the Board of Management and may be consulted at any time.

1. TITLE:

The Title of the League shall be the "Bendigo Soccer League".

4. OBJECTS:

- (a) To support and advance the game of soccer in Bendigo, the surrounding district and elsewhere.
- (b) To promote proper methods and practices of the game of soccer.
- (c) To repress all transgressions of the rules and laws of the game of soccer.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- (a) The Board of Management shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of:—
 - (1) President,
 - (2) General Secretary,
 - (3) Treasurer,

and (4) Six other members (6).

The General Secretary shall be deemed to be the Senior Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be deemed to be the Junior Vice-President. No member club may at any time have more than three (3) representatives on the Board of Management. Any club that is not represented on the Board of Management is expected to send an observer to Board of Management Meetings.

- (b) Where the President, General Secretary, Treasurer or any other member of the Board of Management dies or resigns during his term of office the Board of Management shall be empowered to appoint any of its members to different offices within the Board of Management. A new member(s) shall then be co-opted to the Board of Management to fill the vacancy(s) so caused. Members so co-opted shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting as if they had been elected to the Board of Management.

13. REGISTRATION FEES, AFFILIATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Board of Management shall be empowered to fix and/or alter registration fees, affiliation fees and subscriptions before or during any playing season.

14. CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

- (a) The Constitution and Rules of the League may be amended, added to, varied or rescinded in whole or in part.
- (b) Any amendment or alteration must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of all votes cast at the Annual General Meeting. Such amendment shall take effect immediately after being carried at the Annual General Meeting.

15. CLUBS:

- (a) For admission as a member club every applicant shall apply in writing for each and every season.
- (b) The League shall have absolute discretion to refuse to admit any application to membership.
- (f) No club shall change its name or the colours of its playing outfit without the approval of the League.
- (g) All member clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their members, players, officers and officials.
- (h) All communications from member clubs to the League must be in writing.
- (i) Schools have first call on all schoolboy players, where any school requires the services of a schoolboy player they must get first consideration. The League shall have power to nullify or otherwise award the result of a game where any member club can be shown to have disregarded this rule.
- (j) Clubs wishing to nominate for the following season must have had their applications in writing received by the Bendigo Soccer League by the 1st December in the year preceding the start of the desired playing season. Such application shall be accompanied by the required registration fee, if any.

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- (a) No player shall transfer from one club to another club without his consent, the consent of his club and the approval of the League, provided that no club shall unreasonably withhold its consent. It shall be left to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to decide whether or not the withholding of such consent was unreasonable and the decision of this Committee shall be final.
- (b) All Clubs must receive permission from a player's previous club and from the League before considering the transfer of any player to be legal.
- (c) The transfer should take the following form:—
 - (i) Written transfer application from the player to his club, with a copy being sent to the General Secretary of the League.
 - (ii) Written decision of his club to the player with a copy being sent to the General Secretary of the League.
 - (iii) Written decision from the League to both the clubs involved and the player.
 - (iv) No transfer shall be deemed to be complete until written confirmation is received from the League.
- (d) A time limit is set on the process laid out in section 16 (c) of one calendar month, subsequent to which the Board of Management will adjudicate alone, should the matter not have already been concluded.
- (e) A player who does not play in Bendigo Soccer League from the 1st January of one year to the 1st January of the following year shall not be required to comply with the above transfer requirements.
- (f) The annual deadline for transfer of players between member clubs shall be the 1st of July or the day on which the final matches of the first round of the League Championships are played, whichever date is the later.

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